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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2010

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, March 8, 2010, in Room 200 of the Attorney General's Offices at 323 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Chairperson Sandra Taylor called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present:	Sandra Taylor	Kelley Williams	Kaylynn Barrett
	Betty Rhodes	Tealisa Allen	Steven Domon
	Nancy Streit	Laura Printz	Mae Isom

Board Members Absent: None

Approval of Minutes:

Nancy Streit made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010 board meeting. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Approval of Halee Roberts Hearing Minutes:

Kelley Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010 Halee Robert's Hearing. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Approval of Lisa Barber Martin Hearing Minutes:

Nancy Streit made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010 Lisa Barber Martin's Hearing. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Complaint No. 2010-11:

Nancy Streit, LCSW reviewed the investigation packet on Complaint 2010-11 and recommended a hearing before the Board. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to hold a hearing on July 12, 2010 at 10:00 am. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2010-12:

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After review of Complaint 2010-12, Kaylynn Barrett, LMSW recommended the complaint be dismissed since there was insufficient evidence to believe a violation of the Social Work Licensing Law and/or Regulations had occurred. Tealisa Allen made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2010-13:

The Executive Director reported information that has been gathered on Complaint 2010-13. Based on the information gathered, Nancy Streit made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2010-14:

The Executive Director reported information that has been gathered on Complaint 2010-15. After review with the Board's attorney it was recommend that a letter be sent to the complainant along with the responses from the social worker and the agency involved. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Case No. 2010-15:

The Executive Director updated the Board on Case 2010-15, which involves a provisional license that was revoked for failure to provide requested information by the date required by the Board. This case will be continued

Update on Case No. 2010-16:

Case 2010-16 was created for a hearing requested. The hearing on this case took place today and the matter is closed.

Update on Complaint No. 2010-17:

The Executive Director reported that a new complaint has been received. This complaint is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Rashmi Singh Supervision Request:

Rashmi Singh had written the Board requesting acceptance of her Supervision as completed in New Jersey. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to deny the supervision, as it does not meet the standards required by the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Law §17-103-306 (c) (2); which requires supervision by a LCSW. The motion also granted approved for Ms. Singh to be licensed at the Master's level since she met the qualifications required. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

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Review Waiver Request # 61:

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#61) of the requirements of A.C.A. (17-103-307(f), the law that requires criminal history checks for social workers. Nancy Streit made a motion to grant the social worker's request since she met the requirements for a waiver according to A.C.A. 17-103-307(h). Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Question from Latheda Gail Murrell:

Latheda Gail Murrell had written the Board requesting to take an oral test before the board. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to deny the request. The Board only accepts exams administered by the Association of Social Work Boards. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Nicole Petersen, LMSW:

Nicole Petersen, LMSW, had written the Board requesting an extension to complete her social work continuing education requirements due to extenuating circumstances. Mae Isom made a motion to grant a 90-day extension based on the timeliness of the request and the extenuating circumstances. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Question Regarding LCSW Supervision:

The Executive Director reported that several calls have been received questioning Content and Accountability line (b) 5, on the Supervision Guidelines. The Board was in agreement that the LCSW supervisor's accountability shall include acceptance of professional responsibility for the social work services provided by the supervisee.

Review Reports from Halee Roberts, LCSW:

Halee Robert, LCSW, submitted a letter from a counselor and a LCSW Supervision Plan for approval as requested under the Board's order dated March 8, 2010. Nancy Streit made a motion to approve Margy Curtis Richardson as counselor. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to approve Rebekah Dixon, LCSW as supervisor and clarified that the LCSW supervision must follow the LCSW Supervision Guidelines of meeting face-to-face for one hour per week. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Annual Operation Plan:

The Executive Director presented the documentation for the Board's Annual Operation Plan. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve the plan as presented. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

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Update From the Boards Office:

The Executive Director reported that the online license verification search has been expanded to reflect individual licensee information. The Director also updated the Board on ongoing progress of the Database Program and ASWB scores reports.

Board Reviewed Possible Changes to the Laws and Regulations:

Kaylynn Barrett updated the Board regarding the progress on possible changes to be made to the Law. The Board is continuing to research potential changes.

Review of Standing Financial Reports:

Tealisa Allen, LMSW, reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Linda Gay Birch

Sabrina D. Hampton

Sylvia Rene' McLeod

Approved to take the Exam:

Rebecca Charlene Kimbell

Tina Colleen Myers-Greene

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

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Marilyn J Edwards
Thenaus Williamson

Crystal Dinesse Green-Watson

Vanessa Nelson

Approved to take the Exam:

Jennifer Freer Smith

Dorothy J. Jones

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Robert Steven Bennett

Tyler Curt Huffaker

Bonita E. Norman

Denied Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Katrina A. Casteel

Toni Clingmon Jennings

Latoshia S. Johnson

Misty Koulianos

Abe Lovelace

Carolyn Elizabeth McCune

Ralph Christopher Nash

Katherine Denise Reynolds

Brandy L. Rush

Sharon R. Ware

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Barbara Stitt Mistele

Cami Lynn Tiska-Caton

Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 64 applications for license renewal. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve 61 of the applications. Three (3) of the applications are pending clarification. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed thirteen continuing education audits. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve thirteen of the audits. Nancy Streit seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:

The Board reviewed ten (10) Supervision Plan audits. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve all ten (10) of the audits. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

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Other Business:

Board's Opinion Requested:

There being no new business, Mae Isom made a motion to adjourn. Nancy Streit seconded the motion, which carried.

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